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Discussion of Petition Points.

1. Reduce Automobile Carbon Emissions: Increase fuel economy and reduce air pollution by mandating the increase of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (C.A.F.E.) by 40% by the year 2000.

This would force automobile manufacturers to raise fuel efficiency standards for automobiles, which is imperative since carbon emissions are the single largest contributor to global warming. In addition it would reduce the amount of imported oil, and thus the amount of oil shipped via tankers. Some bills are currently in Congress which push for this, including Sen. Richard Bryan's bill, S.279.

2. Cleanup Federal Toxic Waste Sites: Clarify Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to give states the authority to force federal facilities, including federal nuclear weapons production sites and ammunition depots, to comply with current hazardous waste laws.

Under current law, state agencies do not have the ability to force the federal facilities in their state to comply with existing hazardous waste laws. State, local, and private entities are, however, governed by those laws and are subject to stiff penalties. Shortly, it is expected that Sen. George Mitchell, Rep. Dennis Eckart, and Rep Daniel Schaefer will be introducing their Federal Facilities Compliance Act which would give the states the power to enforce hazardous waste laws on federal facilities within their states.

3. Clean and Renewable Energy: Enact at least a two and a half cent per kilowatt hour performance tax incentive for power plants that run on solar, wind, and geothermal energy.

Several clean and energy sources are in limited but effective use today such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy. Currently, Rep. Sharp has submitted his Renewable Energy Efficiency Tax Act of 1991 (REEETA), also known as H.R.780, which would provide a two and a half cent per kilowatt hour performance tax incentive for power plants that run on solar, wind and geothermal energy.

4. Energy Efficient Labeling System for Windows: The Department of Energy should develop testing and labeling requirements for windows in regards to their energy efficiency, much like what is currently done with insulation.

Energy conservation and efficiency is one of the key ways we can reduce our need for often environmentally harmful sources of power. Unlike insulation, windows have no standardized rating or labeling system to tell the consumer which products are more energy efficient. A standard rating system will not only increase customer knowledge, but will also give the government an effective guide for future building code efficiency requirements. Currently, Rep. Phil Sharp has submitted his National Energy Efficiency Act of 1991, or H.R. 776, which would require the D.O.E. to develop a system of labeling windows for their energy efficiency.

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